

**ENERGY CHARTER
SECRETARIAT**

CCDEC 2016

20 TTG

Brussels, 14 October 2016

Related documents: CC 568, Mess. 1322/16

DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence - Concept paper for a Multilateral Framework Agreement on Energy Transit

By document CC 568, dated 23 September 2016, the Conference was invited to approve a draft conference decision related to the Multilateral Framework Agreement on Energy Transit. As specified by Rule 19 (b) of the Rules of Procedure concerning the adoption of decisions by correspondence, members of the Energy Charter Conference were informed that any delegation that wished to object to this proposal should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 14 October 2016. Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 14 October 2016 the Conference approved the proposed decision.

Following the request of the Conference in 2014 and 2015,¹ the Trade and Transit Group at its last meeting of 2016 reviewed discussions by international experts on the proposed Multilateral Framework Agreement of Energy Resources.

*The Energy Charter Conference **welcomes** the Concept paper for a Multilateral Framework Agreement on Transit of Energy Resources prepared by the Secretariat. It addresses energy transit policy objectives, challenges and proposes a comprehensive legal framework for the transit of gas, electricity and oil.*

*Taking into account the discussions in the Trade and Transit Group, the Conference **invites** the delegations to continue further consultations on the scope of the proposed Agreement. To this end, the Conference **mandates** the Secretariat*

¹ “Conclusions of the Review under Art 34(7) ECT” (CCDEC2014 06) and “Conclusions of the review of implementation of the ECT transit provisions” (CCDEC2015 22).

Keywords: Concept paper, Multilateral Framework Agreement, Transit, consultations, experts

to identify specific needs and difficulties, and to propose solutions that could be part of the Agreement.

*The Conference **also invites** all interested delegations (in particular the EU and the member states of the Eurasian Union) to designate relevant experts at the appropriate technical level to contribute to this work.*